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GOVERNOR CELEBRATES EVERYDAY HEROES WITH "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" 10/27/2001

SACRAMENTO

In support of "Make a Difference Day" which is today, Governor Gray Davis issued a proclamation to honor California's everyday heroes who commit themselves to improving the lives of others.

"Our state is full of volunteers who improve the lives of others through their service and it's time to honor our unsung heroes," Governor Davis said.

Last year, more than two million people participated in the nationally recognized "Make a Difference Day," accomplishing thousands of projects and helping an estimated 25 million people.

Among the AmeriCorps network of programs, roughly 5,000 people will host and participate in a wide range of events throughout the state, including:

- Health fairs providing information about the Healthy Families insurance program for low-income families and other resources;
- Carnivals for families of children with disabilities;
- Neighborhood beautification projects;
- Home safety improvements for seniors; and
- Flying doctors: a team of doctors, dentists, ophthalmologists and other specialists who donate their services for a day of free medical exams in a remote region of the eastern Coachella Valley.

The Governor's Office of Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) is charged with the administration and oversight of more than \$33 million in federal money. This funds AmeriCorps which puts nearly \$5,000 toward college or student loans for people that commit to one year of service.

To learn about GO SERV and service opportunities, please call them at 916/ 445-6687.

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